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CHAPEL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 14TH, 2009
5:45 – 9:00 PM**

Program

- 5:45 PM** *Buffet Opens: Please Be Seated by 6:00 PM*
- 6:15 PM** **Welcome: Peter Feaver (TISS/AGS)**
- 6:20 PM** **Josh Hagar** (Duke, History)
"Western Colonialism at the 'Razor's Edge': Anti-Colonial Ideals and Cold War Imperatives in the Presidential Campaign Rhetoric of John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon, August-November 1960."
- 6: 45 PM** **John Bailey** (Duke, Political Science)
"Surface Tension: Naval Races and the Propensity for Conflict."
- 7: 05 PM *Refill*
- 7: 15 PM** **Fadi Mansour** (NCSU –History and Middle Eastern Studies)
"In the Shadows of Camp David: The Carter Administration, The PLO, and the Austrian Backchannel."
- 7:40 PM** **Kevin Troy** (Duke, Political Science)
"Communicative Structure, Strategic Objectives, and Insurgency Choice of Suicide Tactics."
- 8:00 *Dessert Run*
- 8:10 PM** **Eleanor Degolian** (UNC-Peace, War, and Defense)
"Stolen Youth: Child Soldiers in Africa,"
- 8:35 PM** **Eric Lindsay** (Duke - History and Public Policy)
"Transformation under Two Regimes: Strategy, Force Planning, and Civilian Leadership, 1993-2003"
- 8:55 PM Farewell

Speakers

Speakers John Bailey is a senior at Duke University majoring in Political Science, with a concentration in International Relations. His research focuses on the relationship between naval arms races and conflict. His goal is to identify important characteristics of naval races, determine whether those characteristics make conflict more likely or less likely, and to comment on the implication of his findings on U.S. Naval policy in the Western Pacific.

Eleanor deGolian is a senior Peace, War, and Defense major and Geography minor at UNC-Chapel Hill from St. Simons Island, GA. She has served as President of Carolina Troop Supporters, completed community service requirements to graduate as a Public Service Scholar, interned at the Embassy of Thailand in Washington, D.C., and worked for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, GA. She recently received the award of "Most Committed Civilian" from UNC Army ROTC. After graduation, Eleanor plans to intern with the legal division of the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC before potentially pursuing a career in military or national security law.

Josh Hager graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke University in December of 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts, with Distinction, in History. He is interested in Global and United States History in the 20th Century, with a particular focus on the Cold War and its relationship to domestic politics and other global movements such as colonialism and revolution. He will begin a Masters program in Public History at North Carolina State University in the fall."

Eric Lindsey is a history and public policy studies double major at Duke University, with a particular interest in 20th century military history and contemporary defense policy. He is a native of Amherst, Massachusetts and currently works part-time for the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington, DC.

Fadi Mansour is a history major at North Carolina State University. While at NC State, he has worked closely with Dr. Akram Khater, who has mentored him as student and teaching assistant since 2007. At present, he is working under the close tutelage of Dr. Nancy Mitchell, who has been the guiding impetus for his ongoing research. He plans to go to Tel Aviv this summer to continue research in this area and gain his master's degree in Middle Eastern History.

Kevin Troy is a political science major at Duke University originally from Minnesota. His honors thesis is titled, He interned last summer in the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy on the Afghanistan desk. He will be returning to Washington, D.C. after graduation to work in the field of national security.